

PUBLIC CONTRACTS. Increases the contract limit from one to two million dollars until December 31, 2014, for any project to restore or rehabilitate a levee not maintained with federal funds or to perform mitigation on public lands where the project is undertaken by a public entity with its own resources and employees or with the resources and employees of another public entity through a cooperative endeavor or other agreement with such entity. (gov sig)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(d)(v)(aa) and (bb), relative to public contracts for levees which are not maintained with federal funds; to change the termination date for contracts awarded for certain projects providing for the restoration and rehabilitation of certain levees under certain circumstances or agreements for certain mitigation on public lands; to provide terms and conditions; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(d)(v)(aa) and (bb) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2212. Advertisement and letting to lowest responsible bidder; public work; electronic bidding; participation in mentor-protégé program; exemptions

A.(1) * * *

(d) * * *

(v)(aa) The contract limit for any contract by a public entity for any project to restore or rehabilitate a levee which is not maintained with federal funds, or to

1 perform mitigation on public lands owned by the state or a political subdivision,
2 shall be equal to the sum of ~~one~~ **two** million dollars; provided that the project is
3 undertaken by the public entity with its own resources and employees, or with the
4 resources and employees of another public entity through a cooperative endeavor or
5 other agreement with such entity.

6 (bb) The provisions of this Item shall remain effective for contracts awarded,
7 or agreements entered into, until December 31, ~~2010~~ **2014**.

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9 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
10 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
11 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
12 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
13 effective on the day following such approval.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Sharon F. Lyles.

DIGEST

Present law provides that the contract limit for any contract by a public entity to restore or rehabilitate a levee which is not maintained with federal funds or to perform mitigation on public lands owned by the state or a political subdivision shall be equal to the sum of \$1,000,000, provided that the project is undertaken by the public entity with its own resources and employees or with the resources and employees of another public entity through a cooperative endeavor or other agreement with such entity.

Present law further provides for a termination date of December 31, 2010, for the contract limit for such public entity projects undertaken pursuant to the above exception under present law.

Proposed law increases the contract limit for such projects from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 and changes the termination date from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2014.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(d)(v)(aa) and (bb))